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TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD, SYSTEM AND PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR AUTOMATICALLY ASSIGNING ELECTRONIC ADDRESSES TO USERS

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Notice of Allowability**Application No.**

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Examiner

Wen-Tai Lin

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 11/19/08.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-26.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's Amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 C.F.R. 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee.

Authorization for the examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ms. Elaine Chi, reg. no. 61194, on December 29, 2008.

2. In the claims: please amend the claims to the following:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for using a computer to automatically ~~assigning~~ assign electronic addresses to users, comprising:

providing a sequence of address generation scripts, each address generation script including a unique template that defines a structure for an electronic address;

automatically determining a valid electronic address for assigning to a user by iterating through the sequence of address generation scripts in order of which address generation script is preferred by an organization to which the user belongs, wherein the valid electronic address is determined when one of the address generation scripts produces a previously unused electronic address that is unique and complies with a predetermined addressing standard;

allowing an administrator to enable a process to automatically append at least one character numeric digit to the ~~previously unused electronic address that is at least one of the~~

~~following: not unique or script-generated electronic address that does not comply with the predetermined addressing standard, wherein appending the at least one character numeric digit creates a valid electronic address; and~~

automatically assigning the valid electronic address to the user,

wherein ~~the valid validation of the~~ electronic address is performed within an address generation system without testing the uniqueness in a network environment. ~~determined without consuming email reception resources of the organization.~~

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the electronic address is an electronic mailing address.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the one of the address generation scripts that produces the previously unused electronic address using user data is provided from a repository and wherein the sequence of address generation scripts are generated by an administrator.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the determining step comprises:
generating a first electronic address according to a first one of the sequence of address generation scripts; and
testing the first electronic address to determine if the first address is unique and complies with a predetermined addressing standard.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein the testing step comprises:
comparing the first electronic address to a set of previously created electronic addresses to determine if the first address is unique; and
comparing the first electronic address to the predetermined addressing standard to determine if the first electronic address is compliant.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the set of previously created electronic addresses are stored in a repository with user data corresponding to the user.

7. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the set of previously created electronic addresses are stored in an electronic address repository.

8. (Currently Amended) A method for using a computer to automatically ~~assigning~~ assign electronic addresses to users, comprising:

providing a sequence of address generation scripts, each address generation script including a unique template that defines a structure for an electronic address;

retrieving user data from a repository, wherein the user data corresponds to a user requiring an electronic address;

automatically generating the electronic address for the user according to the user data and a first one of the sequence of address generation scripts, the first one of the address generation scripts being first in order of preference by an organization to which the user belongs;

automatically determining if the electronic address is valid, wherein the electronic address is valid if the electronic address is unique and complies with a predetermined addressing standard; and

automatically assigning the electronic address to the user if the electronic address is valid, wherein a new electronic address is generated for the user according to a second one of the sequence of electronic address generation scripts if the electronic address is not valid, the second one of the address generation scripts being second in order of preference by the organization to which the user belongs, and wherein if the new electronic address is not valid, an administrator is allowed to enable a process to automatically append at least one character numeric digit to an invalid electronic address the script-generated electronic address that does not comply with the predetermined addressing standard, wherein appending the at least one numeric digit creates to ~~create~~ the valid electronic address,

wherein ~~the valid~~ validation of the electronic address is performed within an address generation system without testing the uniqueness in a network environment ~~determined without consuming email reception resources of the organization.~~

9. (Original) The method of claim 8, further comprising:

generating a new electronic address for the user according to the second one of the sequence of address generation scripts if the electronic address is not valid;

determining if the new electronic address is valid; and

assigning the new electronic address to the user if the new electronic address is valid.

10. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the determining step comprises determining if the electronic address is unique by comparing the electronic address to a set of previously created electronic addresses stored in the repository.

11. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the determining step comprises determining if the electronic address is unique by checking the electronic address against a set of previously created electronic addresses stored in an electronic address repository.

12. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the determining step comprises determining if the electronic address is compliant by comparing the electronic address to the predetermined addressing standard.

13. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the electronic address is an electronic mailing address.

14. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the sequence of address generation scripts comprises a plurality of address generation scripts.

15. (Currently Amended) A system for automatically assigning electronic addresses to users, comprising:

an address generation system for generating a first electronic address for a user according to a first one of a sequence of address generation scripts, the first one of the address generation

scripts being first in order of preference by an organization to which the user belongs, each address generation script including a unique template that defines a structure for an electronic address;

a validity system for automatically determining whether the first electronic address is valid, wherein the first electronic address is valid if the first electronic address is unique and complies with a predetermined addressing standard; and

an assignment system for automatically assigning the first electronic address to the user if the first electronic address is valid, wherein a second electronic address is generated by the address generation system according to a next one of the sequence of address generation scripts if the first electronic address is not valid, the next one of the address generation scripts being next in order of preference by the organization to which the user belongs, and wherein if the second electronic address is not valid, an administrator is allowed to enable a process to automatically append at least one character numeric digit to an invalid electronic address to create the script-generated electronic address that does not comply with the predetermined addressing standard, wherein appending the at least one numeric digit creates the valid electronic address,

wherein ~~the valid~~ validation of the electronic address is performed within an address generation system without testing the uniqueness in a network environment ~~determined without consuming email reception resources of the organization.~~

16. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 15, wherein the first and second electronic addresses are electronic mailing addresses.

17. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein the first electronic address is generated according to user data corresponding to the user and the first one of the sequence of address generation scripts.

18. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein the validity system comprises:
a uniqueness detector for comparing the first electronic address to a set of previously created electronic addresses to determine if the first address is unique; and
a compliance detector for comparing the first electronic address to the predetermined addressing standard to determine if the first electronic address is compliant.

19. (Original) The system of claim 18, wherein the set of previously created electronic addresses are stored in a repository with user data corresponding to the user.

20. (Original) The system of claim 18, wherein the set of previously created electronic addresses are stored in an electronic address repository.

21. (Currently Amended) A ~~recordable~~ computer-readable storage medium having a program product for causing a computer to automatically ~~assigning~~ assign electronic addresses to users, ~~which when executed, said program product comprising comprises:~~

program code for automatically generating a first electronic address for assigning to a user according to a first one of a sequence of address generation scripts in order of which address

generation script is preferred by an organization to which the user belongs, each address generation script including a unique template that defines a structure for an electronic address;

program code for automatically determining whether the first electronic address is valid, wherein the first electronic address is valid if the first electronic address is unique and complies with a predetermined addressing standard; and

program code for automatically assigning the first electronic address to the user if the first electronic address is valid, wherein a second electronic address is generated according to a next one of the sequence of address generation scripts if the first electronic address is not valid, and wherein if the second electronic address is not valid, an administrator is allowed to enable a process to automatically append at least one character numeric digit to the script-generated address that does not comply with the predetermined addressing standard, wherein appending the at least one numeric digit creates an invalid electronic address to create the valid electronic address,

wherein ~~the valid validation of the~~ electronic address is performed within an address generation system without testing the uniqueness in a network environment determined without consuming email reception resources of the organization.

22. (Currently Presented) The computer-readable storage medium ~~program-product~~ of claim 21, wherein the first and second electronic addresses are electronic mailing addresses.

23. (Currently Presented) The computer-readable storage medium ~~program-product~~ of claim 21, wherein the first electronic address is generated according to user data corresponding to the user and the first one of the sequence of address generation scripts.

24. (Currently Presented) The computer-readable storage medium ~~program-product~~ of claim 21, wherein the program code for determining whether the first electronic address is valid comprises:

program code for comparing the first electronic address to a set of previously created electronic addresses to determine if the first address is unique; and

program code for comparing the first electronic address to the predetermined addressing standard to determine if the first electronic address is compliant.

25. (Currently Presented) The computer-readable storage medium ~~program-product~~ of claim 24, wherein the set of previously created electronic addresses are stored in a repository with user data corresponding to the user.

26. (Currently Presented) The computer-readable storage medium ~~program-product~~ of claim 24, wherein the set of previously created electronic addresses are stored in an electronic address repository.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Wen-Tai Lin whose telephone number is (571)272-3969. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (8:00-5:00) .

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Wen-Tai Lin

December 29, 2008

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